

CRIMINAL COURT.

Referred to the Italian War—A French Story—One Wife Enough.

The Kansas City Sun—High Fivers Get it—Also Crap Shooters.

Judge Ryland ordered the Sheriff to proclaim the court open at 1:30 p. m. to-day. After swearing in the Sheriff's force, Judge Ryland said: "Mr. clerk, you will call the grand jury."

The jury was called and sworn. After the jury were seated the court said:

"Any one who has an excuse from serving on the jury will now please make it known."

They did not say a word about going home and were willing to serve—at least they said nothing.

The court said in charging the grand jury, that society had to be regulated and that the grand jury had to assist in that duty. He said the country was now in an uproar over the prospect of a war with a sister country, the result of an unlawful act in a city on American soil, where law was not properly enforced.

He called attention to the statutes and the provisions which made a felony indictable—could not try and convict any person for a felony without being indicted.

Judge Ryland told a little incident that had its foundation in France, to illustrate how treacherous were the memories of witnesses. He told part of the story in the French language and then interpreted it to the jury. They looked dazed.

He then doted the bigamist. Said if a man had one wife and took good care of her, that was a great sufficiency. Some men wanted even more than two wives, and the court said he wanted that sort of people punished.

"One wife's enough for any man," the judge "stood pat" and square, the jurors thought of theirs and said, "Enough—and some to spare."

He called attention to the "Kansas City Sun law," but he said some laws had too severe a penalty, but was careful not to say this law was one of that kind. Watch obscene publications. Society should be guarded.

He got after the "crap shooters," and said it was a "national game" in Lafayette county. He believed it was played with dice, but did not say a word about "seven beats eleven."

The court tackled the "High Fivers" and progressive eucher players and said the game was rightly named for it "progressed from bad to worse," and he was sorry for the morals of any community that tolerated playing these games in parlors under gilded electric light for prize.

He gave the old jail a blow between the eyes and looked straight at Ed. Hurley, who is on the grand jury, whom he knows erects good buildings and does his work well.

"If any of you get sick or any have been law breakers yourselves, let the court know it and you will be excused," said the judge.

Wm. Courtney was appointed foreman. Judge Ryland in his charge to the jury mentioned everything in the Heavens above or the world beneath with the exception of Joe Simpson's new baby and Tom Kehoe's new trousers.

"Mr. Sheriff, take the grand jury to their room," said the court, addressing Sheriff Ellis R. Smith.

"Mr. Clerk call the petit jury." Their names were called and they answered.

Geo. H. Shepperd, of Lamonte, came to the front and presented a certificate from Dr. Walter Penquite that he was too deaf for duty.

"I wish the county court would not draw deaf men as jurors. Excuse Mr. Shepperd," said the court.

T. M. Coats was excused because he had the la grippe.

W. H. Nofsker asked to be excused from serving, because he was a plasterer by trade and this being the spring of the year he had plenty of contracts that were crowding him.

"Can't excuse you for that," said the judge, looking as firm as the new walk around the court house.

C. A. Leftwich, a middle aged man walked to the Judge's desk and asked to be excused because he had two kids down with the measles.

Court—Have you ever had the measles?

Juror—Yes, sir.

Court—Then there is no danger of spreading the contagion in court from you?

Juror—No, sir.

Court—Then go home and help your wife care for the sick children as a dutiful husband.

And then the court got off a little harmless joke on the knights of labor that made the spectators and Deacon Marvin laugh audibly.

A little harmless joke, it was, in which he said he knew "Just why the knights were named the knights"—

He'll tell the joke to you.

G. R. Lee said he was deaf. He could hear thunder and when he was asked to take a drink, but when it came to hearing witnesses he was deaf as a post and getting more so all the time.

Court—Are you putting this up to keep from serving?

Juror, [moving nearer]—what did you say?

The court repeated the question in a loud tone.

Juror—What, sir, putting his hand behind his left ear.

Court, [at the top of his voice]—Are you playing deaf to get rid of serving?

Juror—No, sir.

Court, [very loud]—you are excused.

L. T. Kirk, the gardener was excused because he served on the jury last November.

Fred Kipping sent the certificate of a physician that he was bed-fast with malarial fever. Leave of absence granted.

Henry Rinken was excused.

SECOND DAY.

The criminal court opened quite dull—nothing very startling or interesting.

The first case taken up was the application of G. T. Greenwood for discharge from the county jail under the insolvent act. This prisoner was committed to the county jail in default of payment of a \$20 fine for vagrancy adjudged against him by Justice Fisher on the 24th day of March, 1891. The prisoner was discharged. The costs in the case which the state must pay is \$14.60. Mr. Greenwood went hence a free man. The next case was the action of the State vs. Frank Jackson, charged with an assault on John Bryant, which took place April 12, 1890. The case was tried before Justice Fisher who fined the defendant \$20. The case was appealed to the criminal court. This morning the plea of not guilty was withdrawn by the defendant and plea of guilty entered, and the court fined him \$5 and costs amounting in all to about \$38.15.

The case of the State vs. John E. Higgins, charged with the killing of Thomas Price, was set for a special term of court yesterday in accordance with a request made by the attorneys for the state and defense and August 5th, the time fixed upon.

The next case was of the State vs. J. S. Morris, charged with cutting a fence unlawfully. This is a neighborhood squabble about a road and has been in the county court, circuit court and criminal court several years.

Near the Cooper county line in the northeast part of Pettis county, one lot of citizens, headed by Charles O'Neil, petitioned the county court to close up an old highway and open a new one in the same vicinity.

This was opposed by another party of citizens, headed by J. S. Morris. The county court sent J. C. Johnson, bridge and road commissioner, to the locality to view the situation and pass on what was the necessity of the community. On Mr. Johnson's report the county court closed up the old road and ordered the new one opened.

Mr. Morris, in July, 1889, in the day-time after the old road had been closed and the new one opened, cut a way through by the old road—cutting the fence and for this offense Morris was indicted in November in 1889.

Morris claims he did not know the road had been ordered closed by the county court and he was advised by his attorney, Capt. L. L. Bridges, to tear the fence down or cut it and go through. He did as advised and admitted it on the witness stand to-day, hence the indictment.

The jury in this case retired about 3 o'clock this evening, and up to the time of going to press had not reported an agreed verdict.

There are two more cases similar to the one against Morris, and probably the verdict in this one will govern the others.

The case of the state against James St. Clair Morris, indicted for the malicious destruction of the fences of Charles O'Neil and others in Bowling Green township, was given to the jury and after a short deliberation a verdict of "not guilty" was rendered.

Addison Mock, 17 years old, convicted of burglary and larceny, was sentenced to three years in the reform school at Booneville and Sheriff Smith took him to that institution yesterday.

THIRD DAY.

W. H. Nofsker, the plasterer, who was on the petit jury and tried to get excused from duty on the first day of the term and failed, made another plea to the judge this morning and was successful. He went hence, without day, as far as jury duty is concerned.

The cases of the state vs. Henry Morris, Wm. Wakefield and Chas. Anderson were nolle. These were the cutting fence cases, the same as against J. S. Morris acquitted by jury yesterday.

State vs. Dora Dewitt charged with keeping bawdy house did not appear in court because she was sick with

the la grippe. Continued until November term.

State vs. Nora Belmont and Jessie Browning was called. The defendants have never been arrested the entry on the record being "defendants not found." Alias Capias ordered returnable next term.

The business of the morning having been exhausted, the court took recess until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Court opened at 1:30.

State vs. Jas. H. Churchill, charged with obtaining goods under false pretenses, had his case continued until the next term. This is a case where a wagon gotten of David Williams is in controversy.

The grand jury filed into court and returned the following indictments: Horace Umbles, felonious assault. Marion Sawash, grand larceny. Joe Hewitt, rape.

Alex Smith, exhibiting dangerous weapons. Eli Hawkins, burglary and larceny.

Wm. Anderson, grand larceny.

Marion Sawash is charged with stealing a shot gun from Thos. E. Gregory, on Nov. 11, 1890. The case was called and his attorney, J. H. Bowron did not appear and the case was continued until to-morrow morning.

The boy William Anderson was arraigned. He is the one who stole a seal skin cloak from Mrs. H. H. Marean and is as black as night. He told the court that his father lived in Iotown, meaning Lincolnville, and he had no lawyer but his father was able to employ one. This was denied by the officers, and Louis Hoffman was appointed by the court to defend him.

Alex. Smith, charged with foiling with a pistol had no attorney or money and C. I. Wilson was appointed to defend him.

The other prisoners indicted were arraigned and disposed of. Joe Hewitt pleaded not guilty, as also did Alex. Smith.

William Anderson pleaded guilty and his attorney asked that he be sent to the Reform school, as the boy said he was under 18 years of age. Deferred.

D. D. Shields is on trial this afternoon charged with stealing twenty pullets and roosters from M. Redd on 16th day of September, 1890. Hustain and Parmerlee were appointed as his attorneys.

Yesterday afternoon, in the criminal court, Joe Hewitt was brought out and arraigned on the charge of rape. He pleaded not guilty. His case was continued and he was required to give bond in the sum of \$1,500. He could not give it and went to jail.

D. D. Shields was arraigned for grand larceny. He afterward withdrew his plea and was allowed to plead guilty to petit larceny, which he did and was sentenced to thirty days in jail.

The following proceedings were had this morning:

John Huffman, a minor, convicted of jumping on morning trains, was released from jail under the insolvent act.

State against W. S. Epperson, dismissed; assault.

D. David, charged with renting a house for purposes of prostitution—continued on recognizance of \$500.

R. A. Kirtley, same offence and same entry.

State against William Rollins; dismissed.

This afternoon a number of small cases were continued.

In the case of Joe Hewitt, the bond required was only half that required by the justice of the peace committing him. The reduction was made on strength of statements to the court, concerning the case, by Hewitt's attorney.

MONEY IN THE BUSINESS.

Tell Mrs. Wells that her, or any industrious person, can make \$30 a week in the plating business. For particulars, address the Lake Electric Co., Englewood, Ill. A plater costs \$3. I am working now, and know there is money in the business.

HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY.

P. C. Kelley, of rather crooked proclivities, was again, and for the last time, before Justice Fisher to-day. The charge against him was going through another man's trousers and wrongfully taking therefrom good and lawful money of the realm to the amount of \$3 or \$4. The owner of the trousers was at the time of the theft asleep, and Kelley had been given the same room to rest up in. Some people have very funny fingers, and things, especially money, have a peculiar tendency to stick to them. Some people also get up and walk about in their sleep. Perhaps Kelley is of that number, and helped himself to the cash while in that condition. But the court didn't think so.

"Three dollars and costs, Mr. Kelley," said the squire, "making \$14 in all; principle back, you see, with compound interest."

In default of sufficient means to liquidate, the prisoner went to jail.

A CLOSE CALL.

W. H. Phillips, 1703 Osage Street, a Traveling Salesman, Accidentally Shot Himself.

Last Saturday evening a tragedy came near being enacted at 1703 Osage street, and W. H. Phillips, a traveling salesman, the actor in the tragic scene. A BAZOO reporter hearing of the accident to-day, called to see Mr. Phillips and received from him the following information. He said:

"In my room is a small table in which is a drawer. The revolver was in this drawer, but I was ignorant of the fact. I suppose the revolver had been there for a long time. I put a book in the drawer, and Saturday evening I wanted to get this book. I opened the drawer, and reaching my hand in got hold of the book. It appeared to be a little tight and I gave it quite a pull, when out it came, bringing the revolver with it. Somehow or other the revolver was discharged, the bullet striking me in the right hand, passing entirely through the fleshy part between my thumb and forefinger. This was the first intimation I had that a revolver was secreted about that table. Had I known this fact of course I would have been more careful."

Dr. Dunlap dressed my wound and says it is not a serious injury, but I tell you it was a close call," yes, and it was.

Mr. Phillips is a young man, and does not carry a weapon of any kind. It was purely an accident.

McElree's Wine of Cardui

and THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT are for sale by the following merchants in

PETTIS COUNTY.

August T. Fleichmann, Sedalia. W. E. Bard, Sedalia. Meritz & Hale, Sedalia. O. N. Smith, Sedalia. R. T. Miller, Sedalia. Drekeil Bros., Beaman. Adler & Co., Dunksburg. Andrew Stand, Dumpsill. W. Ed. Crawford, Gailery. C. W. Barick, Georgetown. J. S. Ream & Son, Green Ridge. C. W. Leabo, Green Ridge. H. A. Longan, Houstonia. Penquite & Snoddy, Lamonte. Overstreet Drug Co., Smithton.

CORBETT IDENTIFIED.

The Man Arrested at Bowling Green a Former Resident Here.

Chief Prentice returned yesterday from Bowling Green where he went to identify the parties under arrest at that point and one of whom was supposed to be "Reddy" Corbett of this city. The chief was accompanied by Mrs. Michael Corbett, mother of "Reddy" who recognized her son instantly but was not given a welcome by that wayward party.

The true account of how "Reddy" came to be shot, as learned by Chief Prentice, was as follows: "Reddy" and his pals played the "shop lifting" racket in the Frankford store. Two of them kept the clerk busy in conversation while the third stored under his coat several pair of fine pants and left the store undetected. The thieves were traced to New London and arrested by the Frankford constable. A Frankford justice of the peace gave the thieves thirty days each in the county jail and they were being taken there on a freight train by the Frankford officer.

The train stopped to do some switching. "Reddy" was not handcuffed, but his pals were shackled together. The officer left "Reddy" alone a moment when he made a dash for liberty out of the front door, with the constable at his heels.

As "Reddy" jumped to the ground he dodged in front of the brakeman and the officer could not fire then, as he was aiming to do, and the fugitive got several yards the start. It was quite dark and the officer shot at random in the direction of the fleeing man. The first shot went wide of the mark, but the second bullet brought "Reddy" to the ground, with an ugly wound in his back and a 38 calibre bullet in his left lung.

WINE OF CARDUI FOR WOMEN.

A HOTEL BURNED.

A fire broke out in the Grand Central Hotel at Piedmont, Mo., yesterday morning a few minutes after 6 o'clock, and the flames, which spread with great rapidity, endangered the lives of many guests. The eastern wall of the hotel, in about an hour after the interior had been gutted, fell, crushing through Blaine & Maluguine's drug store, setting it on fire. Adjoining the drug store on the east was D. Y. Allen's store, a three-story brick building, which was saved by hard work.

BLACK-DRAUGHT tea cures Constipation.

STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Missouri State Teachers' Association at its last session appointed a committee of six, including the state superintendent, to prepare a course of study for teachers' county institutes and for the district schools of the state. This committee has already held two sessions at Kansas City. It held its third at the state superintendent's office in Jefferson City Friday and Saturday of last week. The members of the committee are Supt. L. E. Wolfe, chairman; W. F. Bahlmann, Independence; I. C. McNeil, Kansas City; Geo. L. Osborne, Warrensburg; W. T. Carrington, Springfield, and W. J. Hawkins, Nevada.

The work of the committee will be completed in a short time and will then be published for distribution to the 12,000 teachers of the state. The preparation of this course of study promises much for the education in Missouri.

State Superintendent Wolfe started on a month's tour of the state to-day for the purpose of meeting three or four hundred of the leading educators at about thirty different points. He is making a determined effort to thoroughly organize educational interests of the state.

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RETURNED FROM AURORA.

Judge Dalby returned yesterday from Aurora, where he had been viewing his mining property. The reporter asked the Judge regarding the prosperity of the mining camp.

"It looks bright there and the output is increasing every week. There is a scheme on foot to build a warehouse for mineral—what would be similar to an elevator for grain. This warehouse will be for minerals, and I think such an enterprise will add to the prosperity of the camp."

"What is the prospect of the election of John L. Hall for mayor?" asked the reporter.

"Well, you know Hall is a democrat, and the place has therefore given a majority of 150, but notwithstanding that, he stands a most excellent show of being elected, for he is very popular with all classes—miners and all."

"It is understood here that the Knights of Labor are raising some objection to him because he was a law and order man in Sedalia—will that hurt him?" queried the BAZOO representative.

"It is hard to tell what strength the 'Noble Order' have in the camp. But little is said there regarding the matter and it is very difficult to form much of an idea regarding the organization or how it will vote. The place will make a mistake if it defeats Mr. Hall."

Judge Dalby is loud in praise of Aurora and the Southwest.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN J. W. BROWN.

Captain J. W. Brown, an old and well known resident of St. Louis, died at his residence, No. 1520 Lucas place, at 1 o'clock yesterday morning. Captain Brown was prominent among politicians and was an ex-member of the state legislature. He was the founder of the law known as the hotel keepers' "dead beat" law. He was taken sick last Wednesday with an attack of la grippe, but previous to this had not been enjoying very good health. Deceased was for many years a traveling salesman, and commanded a large trade in northern Missouri. He was a member of St. Louis Commandery Knights Templar.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

COOPER COUNTY DEATHS.

Kelly Keucklehan, son of Dr. P. A. Keucklehan, one of the most prominent residents of Cooper county, died yesterday of consumption. The young man had been engaged to be married for several years, but owing to his health the engagement had not been consummated. He was worth considerable money, and on his deathbed made a will leaving his intended bride \$5,000.

Henry Katz, an old citizen of Booneville, died at his home yesterday. He was well known throughout the state and was a good citizen.

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EX-CONFEDERATES' HOME.

The Opening to Take Place Soon—Subscriptions Coming In.

Major H. A. Newman of Randolph and Captain W. P. Barlow of St. Louis, who are traveling in the interest of the soldiers' home, were in the city yesterday and expressed much satisfaction with the prospects of the home.

These two gentlemen are visiting all the important towns in the state and at each county seat are organizing ex-confederate associations to whose officers in connection with a committee composed of one member from each township is entrusted the work of raising funds for the home. To-morrow the two speak at Platte City, and during April they will visit Lamar, Joplin, Webb City, Nevada, Rich Hill, Butler, Harrisonville and Pleasant Hill.

The home for which they are working is almost ready for opening. It will be a unique institution and one for the establishment of which the Missouri ex-confederation association has been working for years.

Last summer as a site for the home the association chose a fertile farm of 362 acres near Higginsville in Lafayette county. This farm the association, aided by the liberality of Grove Young, its owner, acquired for \$13,000. The farm house is a substantial frame structure of ten rooms and for the present this will be the home.

Captain Barlow goes to Higginsville this week to make final preparations for the reception of the inmates, and the week following eight or ten of the most needy of the confederate veterans in the state will be established there. The direct control of the home is in the hands of a local committee, consisting of M. L. Belt and Dr. J. J. Fulkerson, of Higginsville. This modest beginning, however, does not by any means indicate the scope of enterprise. There are now on hand some \$5,000 or \$6,000, which will be applied at once to the construction of ten three room cottages, in which veterans and their families will be lodged.

This is the most striking feature of the home—it is no pauper institution neither does it separate families. When a veteran goes to the home his family, if he has one, may go with him and he and his family are allowed to retain their self respect by partially at least supporting themselves. To each family will be allotted a plot of ground which may be cultivated to suit the taste of the occupant, the heavy work being done by the employees of the home.

It is proposed to increase the fund now on hand to \$100,000 and to erect a central building costing \$20,000 or \$30,000 where cripples and invalids may receive the requisite nursing. Captain Barlow, who is secretary of the state association, estimates the number of ex-confederates in the state eligible for admission to the home at between 200 and 300.

The requisites for admission are simple. Any one who has served in the confederate army, navy or civil service, and who is unable to support himself or family may be admitted, provided the applicant has resided in Missouri since December 20, 1890. Families are admitted with applicants save children over 14. Even these many come in special cases when the supervising committee sees fit to extend permission.

Captain Barlow and Major Newman have met the heartiest of reception everywhere throughout the state. Both say that there is not the slightest doubt of the expected \$100,000 being raised. On the evening of April 1 they visited Quincy, Ill., and there their reception was particularly hearty. A great audience turned out to hear them speak. "And," said Major Newman, whose peculiar style of eloquence has made him widely famous, "I can say that I have never as a public man been better treated than by the citizens of Quincy." The G. A. R. at Quincy took the strongest interest in the project, a citizen's meeting indorsed it by resolution and committee was appointed to raise subscriptions. It is promised that the city will give \$1,000.—Kansas City Times.

GOOD FOR THE BLUES.

"Uncle Mud" Wilcoxson is cock-of-the-walk in Yuba City just now. In other words, he can outcrow the boss chanticleer of the town. He is a Missourian, fresh from the wilds of Pettis county. He says he don't like to acknowledge the fact, but he is a brother to "Uncle Cale." He pleads in extenuation, however, that the relationship is a matter over which he has no control. If any of our readers are afflicted with dyspepsia or blues, ask "Uncle Mud" to crow.—The Sutter Independent Yuba City, Cal.

"Uncle Mud" is a good "crower" wherever he goes and when his wings flap his many friends in this county appreciate the occasion.